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Cc: NOSB Livestock  
Subject: Organic Standards

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Ms. Francine Torres, Administrator  
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Dear Ms. Torres:

I ask that you support standards that support humane pasturing standards for organic cattle herds. The

Additionally, I would hope that the standard for beef cattle would include a strong emphasis on grass fe

I strongly urge your support of the NOSB Livestock Committee proposal for pasturing standards for org;

Sincerely,  
Deborah VanEtta

majority of feed should be supplied from pastures managed in accordance with standards for organic feed, free pastured animals rather than finishing in a feed lot or other confinement. It is my belief that organic dairy and beef cattle.

ood for humans. In addition to following organic feeding standards, cattle should be treated humanely. C  
nic cattle should have the opportunity to grow in a manner that closely resembles a natural state. Finishir

Confinement beyond what is required for health of either an individual animal or the herd and protection from disease is not a natural state, nor does it seem to be an efficient use of resources. Feeding beef cattle with grain does seem to me to be a natural state, nor does it seem to be an efficient use of resources.

from adverse weather conditions does not promote a healthy living environment.

of food material that could be used to meet the needs of human populations suffering from inadequate nu

utrition.